Production on newsprint

50. SHRI DHARMANNA MONDAYYA SADUL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the total domestic production and imported quantity of newsprint per annum, separately:

(b) whether there is a wide gap between the demand and the domestic production and imported quantity;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) the steps being taken to increase domestic production during the next two years;

(e) the number of newsprint industries likely to be set up in private, cooperative and public sector during the period; and

(f) their present position, sector-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. P.J. KURIEN): (a) The total domestic production and imported quantity of newsprint during the year 1990-91 was 2.79 lakh M.T. and 2.26 lakh M.T. respectively.

(b) and (c). The total requirement of newsprint for the year 1990-91 was estimated at 5.65 lakh M.T.

(d) to (f) At present, the indigenous production of newsprint is not adequate to meet the requirement fully. Even though sufficient capacity of newsprint has been sanctioned by way of Industrial Licences/ Letters of Intent in addition to the existing installed capacity of 3.13 lakh M.T., the progress of its implementation is not satisfactory mainly on account of high capital cost and low profit making. However, Government is trying its best to increase the domestic production of newsprint.

Manufacture of T.V. sets

51. SHRI RAM TAHAL CHOUDHARY: Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) the names of States where T.V. set manufacturing factories have been set up with the assistance of National Small Scale Industries Corporation; and

(b) whether the Government propose to ask National Small Scale Industries Corporation to encourage small entrepreneurs for setting up their factories in order to manufacture maximum T.V. sets in view of higher prices of colour T.V. sets?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. P.J. KURIEN): (a) The National Small Industries Corporation, under their Raw Material Assistance Programme, has been extending assistance in procurement of electronic components, raw material and equipments to T.V. Manufacturing Units. The Corporation has assisted units in the State of Tamilnadu, Punjab, Karnataka, Maharashtra, U.P. and Union Territory of Delhi and Chandigarh.

(b) At present there is no such proposal under consideration of the Government.

[*Translation*]

Manufacturing and Launching of Satellites

52. PROF RASA SINGH RAWAT: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of satellites launched successfully into the space by India during the last three years and the working life there of;

(b) the specific achievements of each satellite;

(c) the progress made so far in developing the technique of satellite launching from the Indian soil;

(d) the names of the countries from which help in the field of manufacturing and launching the satellites is taken and the form thereof; and

(e) the amount spent on the manufacturing of these satellites during each of the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) Indian National Satellite ID (INSAT-ID) launched on June 12, 1990 and Indian Remote Sensing Satellite-IB (IRS-IB) On August 29,1991 are the two satellites launched Successfully into space by India during the last three year. INSAT-D is expected to be operational till 1998 and IRS-BI till 1994.

(b) INSAT-IB satellite is now providing space based operational services to the country in the areas of communication, broadcasting and meteorological services including National TV networking, radio networking, Disaster Warning and Remote Area Communication.

IRS-IB satellite alongwith IRS-IA satellite, operational since its launch in March 1988, are providing space based services in several vital areas of national natural resources management such as crop acreage and yield estimation, drought warning and assessment, flood control and damage assessment, landuse/land cover mapping for agro-climatic planning, wasteland development, water resources management like underground water exploitation for drinking water mission, predication of snow melt run off, management of watershed and command areas, ocean development, inland fisheries development, urban development, mineral prospecting, forest resources survey and management, integrated development of land and water resource for district/ village development etc.

(c) A progressive growth has been planned in the launch vehicle programme. The first step was to design, develop and successfully launch Satellite Launch Vehicle (SLV-3) capable of launching 50 kg class satellites into near earth orbit. Proven capability in this was achieved in the time-frame 1979-83. Development of Augmented Satellite Launch Vehicle (ASLV-D3) to launch 150 Kg class scientific payload is to validate certain important launch vehicle technologies and the development of Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV) to launch IRS class of satellites is also in progress. This capability is being further augmented by developing Geosynchronous Satellite Launch Vehicle (GSLV) to launch INSAT class satellites. The launch of the third developmental flight of ASLV and the first developmental flight of PSLV are scheduled for 1992. Work has already been initiated for the development of GSLV. Ground support facilities for these launches are also parallely established.

(d) (i) Satellite manufactured abroad to Indian design and launched from abroad are:

INSAT-I series (Four satellites) - USA

(ii) Satellites fabricated in India and launched through foreign launchers are:

ARYABHATTA - USSR

BHASKARA-I & II - USSR

Ariane Passenger Payload - European Space Agency Experiment (Apple)

IRS-IA & IB - USSR

(e) The details are as given below:

(*Rupees in Crores*)

	1989-90	*1990-91*	*1991-92*
INSAT-I Satellites	2.87	9.41	1.43
IRS Satellites	1.21	1.49	0.95

[*English*]

Sugar from Sri Lanka

53. SHRI SRIBALLAV PANIGRAHI: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether a high-level delegation from India visited Sri Lanka during the month of May-June, 1991 and offered to meet the entire domestic need of sugar at a lesser price than in the world market;

(b) if so, the details thereof together with the details of the composition of delegation;

(c) the details of deliberations; and

(d) the concessions offered to the Sri Lankan Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) No high level Government delegation visited Sri Lanka during May-June, 1991 in connection with supply of Sugar to Sri Lanka.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Automobile Policy

54. SHRI M.V.V.S. MURTHI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to revise/ amend Automobile policy of 1985 in line with the new Industrial policy;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the number of applications pending with the Government for setting up projects for manufacture of commercial/passenger cars/ vehicles and the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. P.J. KURIEN): (a) and (b). Under the new industrial policy, all types of automobiles except motorcars have been delicenced. Policy formulation is a dynamic concept and has to